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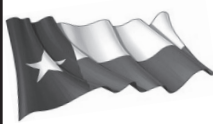
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## FAMOUS TEXANS

### Kelly Clarkson



Kelly Brianne Clarkson (born April 24, 1982) is an American singer, songwriter, television personality and author. She rose to fame in 2002 after winning the inaugural season of the reality competition television series *American Idol*, which earned her a record deal with RCA Records. Clarkson's debut single, "A Moment Like This", topped the US Billboard Hot 100 chart and became the country's best-selling single of 2002. It was followed by the release of her debut album, *Thankful* (2003), which debuted atop the US Billboard 200. Trying to reinvent her image, Clarkson decided to part ways with *Idol* management and shifted to pop rock music for her second album, *Breakaway* (2004). After numerous top 40 radio number-one singles, such as "Since U Been Gone" and "Because of You", the album sold over 15 million copies worldwide and earned Clarkson two Grammy Awards.

She took further creative control for her third album, *My December* (2007), by becoming the executive producer and co-writing the entire album. However, her label was dissatisfied with her darker rock music and reluctantly promoted the album. Clarkson returned to the top of the charts with her more mainstream-oriented fourth album, *All I Ever Wanted* (2009). Its lead single, "My Life Would Suck Without You", holds the record for the biggest jump to number one on the Hot 100 chart. Her fifth studio album, *Stronger* (2011), made Clarkson the first artist to win the Grammy Award for Best Pop Vocal Album twice.

It spawned her third Hot 100 number-one single "Stronger (What Doesn't Kill You)". She became the first American female artist to achieve the best-selling holiday album of the year with *Wrapped in Red* (2013). Following the release of her third number-one album *Piece by Piece* (2015), Clarkson concluded her contract with RCA Records and signed with Atlantic Records in 2016. Her soul-influenced eighth album, *Meaning of Life* (2017), hit number two on the Billboard 200 and garnered her a record fifth Grammy Award nomination for Best Pop Vocal Album.

Clarkson has sold over 25 million albums and 45 million singles worldwide. She has had 27 songs on the Billboard Hot 100 chart, with three number one songs and eleven in the Top 10. Her accolades include three Grammy Awards, three MTV Video Music Awards, four American Music Awards, and two Academy of Country Music Awards. *Billboard* has hailed Clarkson as "one of pop music's greatest singers" and honored her with the Powerhouse Award for her vocals. Clarkson became the first artist in history to top each of *Billboard*'s pop, adult contemporary, adult pop, country and dance charts. She was ranked nineteenth on *VH1*'s list of 100 Greatest Women in Music. Clarkson has also ventured into film, television, and writing children's books. She currently serves as a coach on the television competition series *The Voice* and will host her self-titled variety talk show in 2019.

Upon returning to Burlington, Clarkson was encouraged by her friends to audition for the inaugural season of the reality television series *American Idol: The Search for a Superstar* in May 2002. Despite receiving a "golden ticket," a pass to the Hollywood rounds, in the series premiere, Clarkson made her first appearance during the second episode. In an interview in 2012, Clarkson referred to the inaugural season as "ghetto", explaining: "On our season we were like kids in camp. Nobody knew what to do. The show was ever-changing every day. They did one season of *Pop Idol* in the UK but America is a very different market. They dropped us off in a mall and said 'find some clothes to wear on national television'. I am maybe the closest to white trash you can get. What do I buy? White pants I guess? I definitely looked like a cocktail waitress." Clarkson went on to win the competition on September 4, 2002, at the Kodak Theatre (now Dolby), earning 58% of the votes against runner-up Justin Guarini.

Immediately after winning *American Idol*, Clarkson was signed to a record deal with RCA Records, 19 Recordings, and S Records by talent manager Simon Fuller, who created *American Idol*; and music mogul Clive Davis, who was slated to executive-produce her debut album.

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Awakening early in life to a love of color and design, and an affection for historic buildings has defined the personality and career of the owner of Hope Smith Interior Design. Her shop in

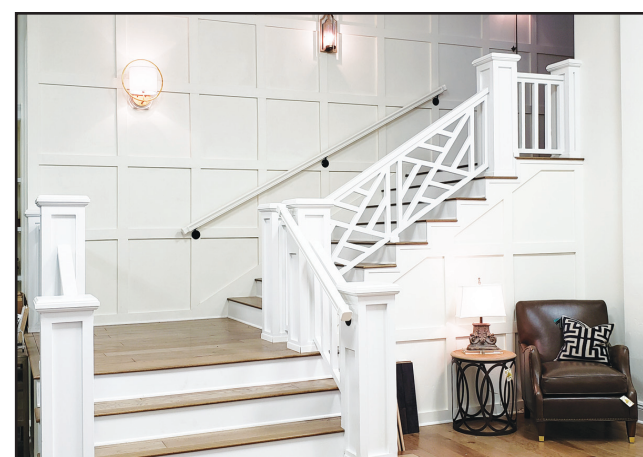
design is more than decorating. In 2018, Hope's long-held dream of owning her own comprehensive design studio came true, and she carried out her opening this past fall in no small

spacious setting at 115 Gilmer Street, you will begin to appreciate the broad range of services and specialty items rivaling big-city retailers. You'll find all types of flooring from hardwood to carpeting, tile and countertops, lighting for every room and space, designer plumbing fixtures and sinks, rugs, drapery, wallpaper, bedding and custom-ordered furniture for both indoors and outdoors. Truthfully, this showplace was a work in progress beginning in 2016.

Among her first recollections of life within a large, artistic household was sketching buildings, then producing a scale model house during middle school as a science project. She knew her interests were unusual for a female from small-town Texas, but nevertheless she imagined her dream career. The dream stayed bright yet still far away while she earned a college degree in interior design, then devoted two more years of apprenticeship, then working on the job in the Dallas market. After she married, she and husband Ronnie remodeled and 'flipped' several houses over a 25-year span. Once she moved to Sulphur Springs and saw the abandoned but still grand Tapp Furniture Store building, it spoke to her and she decided it was her

destiny to own it. However, acquiring the property was not easy. Another individual made the purchase just days before she decided to make the leap and present a bid. That disappointment was soon remedied when the new owner granted her wish and sold her the 1874-era property. Next, a three-year project to renovate the two-story structure began. Because the structure pre-dated the 20th century, there were a few surprises as well as obstacles as the project went forward! But at last, on September 14, 2018, Hope's 10,000 sq. foot showplace was grandly opened to customers.

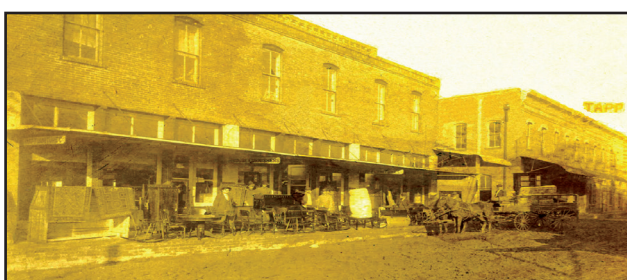
Hope Smith Interior Designs blueprint was to provide a center where customers can come in and see, feel, touch what they are looking for. "The tactile experience is very important in selection. Registering the color and feel of a fabric or floorcovering, and the shape of a fixture or accessory is essential. Also, scale



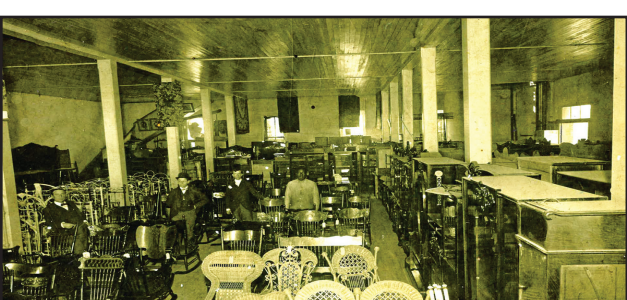
and size is a factor in decision-making that only a walk-in store can provide." Thus, she installed a beautifully-tiled walk-in shower display with a dozen different fixtures in place, so you can compare the shower spray and how the fixtures feel to your hand. Various effects of lighting are in use through the store. And up the broadly sweeping staircase leads to a room of soon to be seen drapery where, once again, the effect of color, quality and scale play a role in planning and decision-making for clients selecting rooms they can truly live in.

As a successful

businesswoman, one of Hope's most fervent desires was nurtured through the Sulphur Springs Downtown Business Alliance, starting about fifteen years ago. At that time, she was serving a client base of homeowners and builders, working on her own. She became a DBA member and was on the ground when the movement to re-invent the downtown district first came about. The desire by the city and businessowners to 'bring back' the local retail community spoke strongly to her heart and mind. As the focus began to center on improving and restoring buildings, boosting food and beverage as well as retail outlets, Hope's dream found a brick-and-mortar home in downtown Sulphur Springs. Today, she's an active part of the retail community and remains a member of DBA, a voice between business owners and city leaders to create and maintain an enhanced economy and municipality for everyone to enjoy.



Early Tapp Furniture store. Furniture put outside so people could pick it up. Picture was made in December just before Christmas. Picture courtesy of Charlton Tapp.



Inside scene of Tapp Furniture store that was located in the building on the west side of Gilmer St. Second man from the left is Sam H. Tapp. (1888-1821). Picture courtesy of Charlton Tapp.

downtown Sulphur Springs is far more than a 'shop', just as her interest in interior

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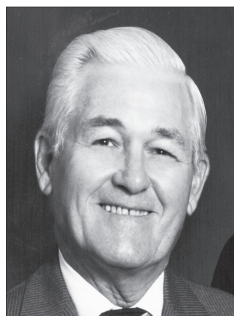
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### **Joe A. Worsham**

Joe A. Worsham passed away peacefully at Sunny Springs Nursing & Rehab on July 12, 2019 around 8:30 PM. Joe was the son of Dr. A.B. Worsham and Betty Anderson Worsham and was born October 20, 1928, in Corsicana, Texas. Joe spent his very early years in Dawson, Texas, but moved to Sulphur Springs with the family when he was a young boy. Joe grew up on the family farm in Martin Springs.

After graduating high school, Joe married his high school sweetheart and soulmate, Bobbie Jean Miller Worsham, on July 14, 1948. Joe and Bobbie were married for over 70 years until her death on February 20, 2019. Joe and Bobbie made their home and raised a family on a 60-acre farm in the Martin Springs community.

Joe Worsham was a great loving and devoted husband to his soulmate/wife and a wonderful father to his two children.

He loved to spend time with his family and especially his grandchildren and later his great-grandchildren. Joe played a large part in teaching his entire family about all aspects of life and was a first-class example of how to be a good man, a good person, and how a man should take care of his family.

Joe started his career at Bonner Wholesale Hardware Company and retired from Specialty Foods Corporation (Southland Corp.). Joe was also a farmer/rancher and wood craftsman.

Joe was a longtime member of Martin Springs Baptist Church, and he was a devoted Christian and servant of the Lord. Joe spent many hours preparing his Sunday school lesson that he taught and enjoyed for many years. There is no way to know how many hundreds of hours that Joe spent at the church, fixing, mowing, and other tasks that were always needed.

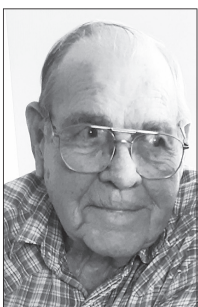
Joe A. Worsham is survived by two sons, Don A. Worsham and wife, Carol Ann Worsham, of Sulphur Springs and David J. Worsham and wife, Patricia Worsham, of Whitehouse. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Kristi Ann Corbitt and husband, Dr. Christian Corbitt; Lori Worsham and fiancé, Jordan Vetitoe; Bradley Worsham and wife, Reagan Worsham; Brian Goldwater; Clint Goldwater and wife, Felicia. Joe leaves behind three great-grandchildren: Jack Corbitt, Mick Corbitt, and Kathryn Goldwater. He is predeceased in death by his parents and two brothers, A.B. Worsham and Laird Worsham, and one sister, Alene Worsham Lewis. Joe was referred to by the many nieces and nephews as "Uncle Joe."

Services for Joe A. Worsham will be held Friday, July 19, 2019 at 2:00 PM at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with visitation at 1:00 PM. Graveside services will follow. The family would like to express their sincere thanks to the doctors and nursing staff at Christus Mother Frances Hospital, Sunny Springs Nursing & Rehab, Traditions Hospice and especially Dr. Ichabod Balkcom for his patience and years of quality health care that he gave to Joe.

There is no way to know how many lives that Joe touched in his lifetime. He was a mentor and friend to many.

### **Shay Choate Rouse**

Obituary can be seen later for Shay Rouse. Services will be held Saturday, July 20, at First Baptist Church, 500 East Dallas Avenue, Cooper, Texas, 2:00 - 3:00 pm. Visitation will be held Friday, July 19, 2019, 6:00 - 8:00, at Delta Funeral Home Chapel, 451 Southwest First Street, Cooper, Texas.



### **Otto Dotson**

Funeral Services for Otto Dotson, age 86, of Cumby, were held on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 2:00 PM, at Tapp Funeral Home with Bro. L.D. Baxley officiating. Interment will follow at Ridgeway Cemetery with military honors. Serving as pallbearers will be Doug Arias, Daniel Dotson, Eric Dotson, Issac Dotson and Koby Crump. Visitation were held on Monday, July 15, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Tapp Funeral Home. Mr. Dotson passed away on Friday July 12, 2019 at Christus Mother Frances Hospital in Sulphur Springs.

Otto was born on August 7, 1932 in Muskogee, OK to Jack and Annie Dean Dotson. He worked as a dairyman and served in the United States Navy. He married Shirley Dotson who preceded him in death in 2012.

Mr. Dotson is survived by his children: Becky Cady (David), Dana Combs (Kenny), David Dotson (Jennifer), Sandra Nuckols (Joe); grandchildren: Susie, Becky Jean, Daniel, Eric, Issac, Whitney, Travis, Doug, Koby, Matthew, Ashley, and Amanda; numerous great-grandchildren; sisters, Edna McFarland, Hazel Walton, and brother Earl Dotson.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Shirley; sisters, Mary Isbell, Dorothy Tyner, Helen Horton; brothers, Carl Dotson, J.D. Dotson, Kenneth Barracks, and an infant sibling.



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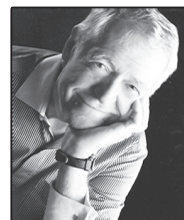
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“My policy for everything is to always listen to people because they have so much that they can teach you. Everybody knows something that you don’t. And I always like to follow my policy of listening. It’s kind of my golden rule.”

Caleb Lewis is a junior at Highland Park High School in Dallas. He’s in the National Honor Society and takes advanced classes in Physics, English and French. He’s looking forward to college but hasn’t decided on a major.

“Engineering is one possibility, more specifically Aerospace and Aeronautical Engineering. Then there’s political science and astrophysics. I’ve got a lot on my mind. I also need to find something that’s going to pay well as a career. There are plenty of things that would be fun to learn but couldn’t really get you anywhere financially.”

Caleb spent this past summer working at a tennis center taking care of customers at the counter and heading up the tennis camp for kids. He was on last year’s tennis team that won state. A few months ago when he was fifteen, Caleb built a computer.

“I had a computer and it wasn’t working right. I didn’t like it, so I decided to build myself a computer. I learned how to do it and built a computer. It’s very fast and looks great.”

Caleb found building computers fun. He has built 3 of them.

“The first one took 8 hours to build. The second one took 3 and a half hours and the third one took an hour and a half.”

He got his parts from Amazon.

“Amazon has nearly everything these days, so I got everything I needed there: the central processing unit, the memory, the graphics card, the case, the mother board and the power supply. You can add whatever you want from there. Picking out the parts is harder than building the actual computer.”

He learned how to put the parts together by watching Utube.

“Utube is a great source for education. I learned a lot from different people on there. It’s very straightforward. All you need is a screwdriver to put everything together. You have to pay attention to what you’re doing. One little mistake can wreck the whole project. I tried to avoid those mistakes. There are certain rules to follow and you need to research them if you’re going to build a computer.”

I asked Caleb if he plans to build more computers.

“Absolutely. I’d like to build a laptop for college. It’d be very hard to do but I’m curious to see if I could do it. I’ve only built desktop computers so far. If someone needs a laptop, I’d love to build it for him or her. It would really be fun.”

Caleb Lewis happens to be my grandson. He’s a sharp cookie.

## Answers

A crossword puzzle grid with the following words filled in:

- Across: 1. LEERDNADORMANEFUORTY, 2. MREGUAFENGGLSRLFOXIS, 3. BASSGNLGNANOAHOOHIN, 4. FLTESGPFBIKHLISLBAFAAR, 5. RILSLBLDOEPLSIHEMLTOE, 6. ENPSLFAALIPFILSYOTE, 7. VEIOIUHITNEDIKFCIRNSB, 8. IEONEILGFEFCMANGFAAO, 9. RTLKFRYRRLAISGNALYEB, 10. VEVEIELEETYSSTSPKLG, 11. WNNRSIILTLIRHHLHINEF, 12. EGONHUMITNGSEYIRKOR, 13. LNPOIWIAGIINRETNNODG, 14. BITOHPTRAFTOASLIGPNC, 15. BDTTNNSLTLIDREPEEKSA, 16. INISEDGLNFLOUNDERTHA, 17. NADOSPINCASSTREELFTCP, 18. BLAFITJRELWAROSIHTTP, 19. HEEYSSTREAMARESAFTA, 20. LUREJIGGINGERHKOHC
- Down: 1. LEERDNADORMANEFUORTY, 2. MREGUAFENGGLSRLFOXIS, 3. BASSGNLGNANOAHOOHIN, 4. FLTESGPFBIKHLISLBAFAAR, 5. RILSLBLDOEPLSIHEMLTOE, 6. ENPSLFAALIPFILSYOTE, 7. VEIOIUHITNEDIKFCIRNSB, 8. IEONEILGFEFCMANGFAAO, 9. RTLKFRYRRLAISGNALYEB, 10. VEVEIELEETYSSTSPKLG, 11. WNNRSIILTLIRHHLHINEF, 12. EGONHUMITNGSEYIRKOR, 13. LNPOIWIAGIINRETNNODG, 14. BITOHPTRAFTOASLIGPNC, 15. BDTTNNSLTLIDREPEEKSA, 16. INISEDGLNFLOUNDERTHA, 17. NADOSPINCASSTREELFTCP, 18. BLAFITJRELWAROSIHTTP, 19. HEEYSSTREAMARESAFTA, 20. LUREJIGGINGERHKOHC



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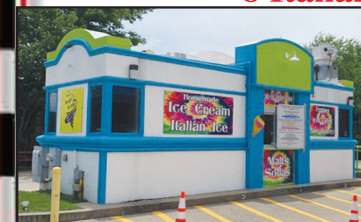
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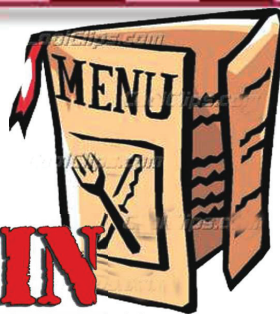
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